MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The prohibition is there and that may apply to them as well.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But the answer given is not that. Only nurses trained by the Medical Department are prohibited. I wish to know whether that difficulty will not apply to Nurses who have not been trained by the Department?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It may not.

PRESIDENT: The question was whether there was a rule prohibiting the marriage of Nurses. The answer was that there was no specific rule but there is a prohibition which, as Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai was trying to explain, was based upon a condition in the agreement. It is not on the general question that an answer was given.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether there is any basis for that condition?

PRESIDENT: That is to say you want to know what the object of that rule is. If Mr. Krishna Pillai is aware of it he may tell you; otherwise he may claim notice.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): So far as that particular portion of the question is concerned, I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether there is any such prohibition so far as the Lady Doctors trained at Government cost are concerned?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is in the answer. There is no such prohibition.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any special reason for placing this difficulty in the way of these nurses alone?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Resident Medical Officer of the General Hospital.

7. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Medical Officer in charge of the X-ray work is now the Resident Medical Officer also; and

(*b*) whether it is the dearth of competent Medical hands in the General Hospital that has necessitated the allotment of two extra items of work to the same person?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why when there is no dearth of competent Medical hands in the General Hospital, these two extra duties are allotted to the same Doctor?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): When that post fell vacant the other Medical graduates there could not conveniently be appointed to that post.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Have they to do other extra duties ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Probably they may have to do.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : I wish to know what the inconvenience was in appointing other people ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I have not got that information now with me

Nomination of a Latin Christian to the Legislative Council.

5. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any Latin Christian has been nominated to the present Legislative Council ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why no member of that community was nominated ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) As the number of seats to be filled by nomination is limited, it is not possible to have all communities and interests represented in the Council every time. Nominations are made with due regard to the importance of the communities which cannot successfully contest the elections.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know the factors that decide the importance of a community for the purpose of nomination ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not in a position to enumerate them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know at least the more important of these factors ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I said I was not in a position to enumerate the several factors.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know at least some of the factors ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Well, one may be numerical strength, another educational advancement. These are the two factors which come to my mind just at present.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Which has got the better chance for nomination, the more educationally advanced community or the less educationally advanced community ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I said that the two factors are educational advancement and numerical strength. Either one or both may be taken into account for the purpose of nomination.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With regard to the educational advancement, I wish to know from the Chief Secretary to Government, whether educational advancement is favourable to a community for the purpose of nomination or whether it is detrimental ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is favourable.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether a more educationally advanced community has got greater chance of nomination than a less educationally advanced community?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A more educationally advanced community may have, coupled with other considerations, better chances of nomination.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I haveinot got an answer to my question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to answer the question just now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know what the Chief Secretary meant when he said that educational advancement is a factor that is taken into consideration for purposes of nomination?

PRESIDENT: What exactly do you want to know Mr. Thanu Pillai?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): My question was, what are the circumstances that Government take into account in judging the importance of a particular community for the purpose of nomination to a seat in the Legislative Council. The answer was numerical strength and educational advancement.....

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, I beg to contradict him. I did not say *they are* the considerations. I said these may be two aspects of the question which enter into the consideration of Government when making nominations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know, so far as educational advancement is concerned whether a more educationally advanced community has a better chance of nomination than a less educationally advanced community? I wish to know whether educational advancement is taken as a condition favourable to nomination or whether it stands against nomination? I suppose Government should have a definite idea in regard to that matter.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have said that educational advancement and numerical strength are two of the aspects which are considered by Government when making nominations and that one by itself may be a sufficient factor sometimes.

PRESIDENT: That is not his point. He wants to know whether educational advancement would be a favourable circumstance or unfavourable circumstance for nomination.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Educational advancement may sometimes be regarded as a favourable circumstance.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So a less educationally advanced community has no chance of getting a member from that community nominated?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If educational advancement is the only consideration the chances are less.

PRESIDENT : That is only one of the considerations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know the numerical strength of the Latin Christian Community ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Am I to understand that if a community has got a large number of educated men among them who can possibly get themselves elected..... ...?

PRESIDENT : You are arguing, Mr. Thanu Pillai.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Sir, I am not arguing. Is it the view of the Government ?

PRESIDENT : An answer has been given.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

(Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan then handed over to the President a paper for the adjournment of the business of the House).

PRESIDENT : I do not understand the drift of your motion. What exactly is it that you want to discuss ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I want to discuss about the adequacy or the inadequacy of the measures of relief taken by Government to meet the present economic depression.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : We would like to know what the motion is about.

PRESIDENT : Do not be in a hurry, please.

Mr. Damodaran Asan has put into my hands a paper wherein he wants leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing the measures taken by Government to relieve the people from the economic crisis prevailing in the country. When I asked him, he says the point that he wants to raise is the adequacy or inadequacy of the measures that are taken by the Government. Strictly, a motion for adjournment must refer to a definite and specific matter of urgent public importance. So far as the motion that Mr. Asan wants leave to make is concerned, it cannot be said that it refers to a particular specific or definite matter in the sense of a specific event that has recently occurred. It may be very useful to have a discussion upon those subjects, but for the purpose of the provision regarding adjournment motions what we have to see is whether it is a specific matter of urgent public importance. The question of economic depression has been before the country and before this Council for a very long time. Questions relating to the economic depression have been discussed in this Council and a Committee was appointed to go into the matter, find out the reasons for this depression and suggest remedial measures to relieve the distress. That Committee is still at work. In these circumstances, I do not think that the adequacy or inadequacy of the measures taken by the Government till

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